

House Resolution No. 4191

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Trail of Tears State Park in Jackson, Missouri, which will celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the park's establishment on June 2, 2007; and

Whereas, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, has owned and operated the park since 1957; and

Whereas, Trail of Tears State Park, which encompasses 3,415 acres, is a memorial to the Cherokee Indians who lost their lives in forced relocation during harsh winter conditions during 1838 and 1839; and

Whereas, Trail of Tears State Park is located on the site where nine of thirteen groups of Cherokee Indians crossed the Mississippi River and is the legendary burial site of Nancy Bushyhead Hildebrand; and

Whereas, although its history is entangled in the tragic history of the Cherokee nation, Trail of Tears State Park today is a peaceful, serene setting with an abundance of recreational opportunities that include camping, fishing, picnicking, swimming, and hiking, equestrian, and backpacking trails; and

Whereas, in addition to bordering the Mississippi River, Trail of Tears State Park contains twenty-acre Lake Boutin; and

Whereas, the Trail of Tears State Park is the winter roosting site for bald eagles, one of America's most generally accepted national emblems:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to applaud the goals and accomplishments associated with Trail of Tears State Park and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of their esteemed organization; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Trail of Tears State Park in Jackson, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4191, adopted July 9, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker